



Newsletter 21
14th February 2020



Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure to see parents at the Teacher Consultations this week and I hope you came away cheered and well informed by the progress of your child. Thank you to the many parents who completed the RE Questionnaire. We will look at your comments and feedback to you after half term. You may also have noticed the new interactive whiteboards in the classroom. These are a boost to teaching and learning as we develop our use of them, particularly children's ability to interact in class and group work.

Keeping Families Safe Online – Tuesday 3rd March 7pm

Online safety has become an essential life skill for adults and children. As I have already outlined to parents, it is having the most significant impact on children's anxiety and well-being – for all age groups. We have noticed that activities outside of school are increasingly having an impact on children in school. To support parents in managing their child's use of social media and phone technology, the school has invited an expert on on-line safety for families to come and take part in a workshop.

Delivered by TechSafe, a nationally recognised eSafety expert, our workshop aims to help you manage your family's internet safety confidently by offering solutions to the stresses and worries of online risks.

- Find out how to set your parental controls on all devices
- Discover Social Media and gaming trends
- Understand how to manage online risks
- Know what to do if your child is cyberbullied.

Please do put the date in your diary and try to come along – and encourage others. St Rose's parents are welcome to come along.

Parents events coming up just after half term

Times table tests for Year 4 – Year 3 and 4 parents are invited to an information session on the new Year 4 statutory times table tests on Tuesday 25th February at 2.30pm

Ash Wednesday Mass – Fr Brian will be celebrating Mass in school on Wednesday 26th February. The Mass will be led by Fr Johnson. (Year 3 will be in class on video link). All parents are welcome to join us.

Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher:

3Anning	Klara Rogucka	For her excellent effort in all areas, particularly her writing this week, and for her fantastic presentation.
3Nightingale	Sophia Khodadoost-Ramirez	For always taking a pride in her work which is always presented so beautifully.
4Jemison	Annika Beyleveldt	For renewed enthusiasm in her reading and for being such a kind friend.
4Attenborough	Harper Cowman Daly	For her enthusiastic and excellent creative writing in both English and Science.
5Mandela	Gracie Frampton	For making tremendous progress, especially in her Maths, and greater confidence in all her work.
5Einstein	Bea Loake	For her positive attitude to learning. Well done!
6Johnson	Daisy Tenny	For fantastic retelling of Macbeth. Her use of vocabulary and her description were especially pleasing.
6Martin Luther King	Nancy Kempson	For her effective use of humour in her writing and for her attitude to learning across all subjects.

Head Teacher Awards

Nancy Kempson (6MLK) – For great content and writing in her 500 word essay

Quentin Kwambai and **Samuel Ghebre** (4J) – for outstanding success in the class times tables challenges. Quentin has already achieved the Ultimate Division Challenge!

Joshua Dowie (4J) – for his positive attitude and punctuality.

Oliver Pratt (6MLK) – for sharing his amazing writing project and model of the Titanic

Liam Carter (3A) – for his detailed and well-presented recipe for a potion

James Sweeney, Aoife Jones, Maya Kelly (4A) – for beating their score on the 100 club (times tables challenge). Now onto the Ultimate Division Challenge!

Citizenship Stars

Freya Appleby (5E) – for her calm and responsible action in dealing with an emergency. Her spur of the moment response ensured her Nan was looked after. Well done Freya.

Ciara Corkery, Bella Fitzgerald, Rosi-Mai Gimmi, Poppy White (3N) – These children has responded to our visit by the Catholic Children's Society and have come up with several ideas of how to raise funds for their Lenten Appeal. Your care and thought for others is wonderful.

Oscar Liddle (4A) – for suggesting support for a member of our wider community – which has resulted in our cake sale today.

Yr5 Maths Challenge

Well done to Erin Bowers, Harry Wheeler, Johan Binu and Francesca Chua for doing so well in a tough Challenge. St Cuthbert Mayne came 10th out of 18 schools in the new style challenge, getting 118 points.

Sports News

Girls Football League

The Year 5/6 Girls football team visited Broadfield on Wednesday and came away with an impressive 4-0 victory. Darcy Pirie scored a hat-trick and the fourth goal was scored by Juno Cowman-Daly. We play them again after half term at home, so hopefully we will achieve a similar result.



Daily Mile in Herts

Today the whole school (including staff) completed the daily mile as part of "Hertfordshire does the Daily Mile"- all schools in the County were asked to run the Daily Mile on the same morning. Our whole school took part with many children completing two miles in the allotted time.

PA Logo competition

The Parents Association is running a logo competition to help promote its activities. This could be a good Half Term activity – and it is free to enter. The information is on the Wednesday email and every child was given a paper copy on Thursday. Entries can be on blank A4 sheets or using one of the templates. The closing date is March 3rd. There is also a sheet for parents to offer help to the Parents Association. The Committee will be dwindling with key members leaving at the end of this year and we need more help. I cannot emphasise highly enough how the valuable contribution the Parents Association funds help enrich every child's learning experience. Please do pledge some time – however small. More details are on the school Website.

The next PA event is the Spring Disco on Friday, March 28th. The sign-up form was in the Wednesday Email.

500 Word Competition

Teachers have been delighted to share children's entries into the BBC's 500 word competition. I hope some more of you will use half term to complete your entries – please to let your teacher know so we can celebrate your writing. Entries close soon after half term.

Reading Buddies

Year 5 are walking to St Rose's to spend the morning as Reading Buddies on Friday 28th February. They will be back in time for lunch.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book to celebrate World Book Day on March 5th. They will be asked to talk about their favourite book and character.

Attendance

MONTH	3Anning	3Nightingale	4Attenborough	4Jemison	5Mandela	5Einstein	6MLK	6Johnson	WHOLE SCHOOL
SEPT	97.77	98.04	98.17	97.5	98.83	97.02	95.67	97.42	97.54
OCT	97.72	98.02	97.59	96.57	97.59	96.95	96.85	97.31	97.32
NOV	96.7	95.26	97.33	98.17	98.42	95.89	94.42	95.00	96.40
DEC	97.41	96.31	97.13	96.44	95.52	97.11	94.37	96.90	96.39
JAN	97.59	96.93	96.88	96.51	96.80	95.99	96.59	96.00	96.43

Well done to 3Anning for having the best attendance for the second month running! 3Anning can decide on which treat they would like as a reward. Thank you to all for keeping up such good attendance at a time of year when colds and flu are prevalent.

Reminders for the week after half term

Mon	Return to school
Tues	2.30pm Parents Information meeting – Times Table Testing for Year 4 (Year 3 parents also invited)
Wed	Ash Wednesday Mass 2pm. Parents invited Girls Football League v Broadfield (H)
Thurs	Netball League v Two Waters (away)
Fri	Yr5 to St Rose's AM – Reading Buddies PA Spring Disco -

Have a wonderful, safe and happy half term break

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher